

**To:** Miller, Johanna[Miller.Johanna@epa.gov]  
**From:** Dhieux, Joyel  
**Sent:** Tue 8/11/2015 12:13:40 AM  
**Subject:** Re: question from agricultural producers

Hi Johanna,

Sure. I am out with the county commissioners looking at irrigation ditches. If I can't answer, I'll call you right back.

Joyel

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On Aug 10, 2015, at 5:57 PM, Miller, Johanna <[Miller.Johanna@epa.gov](mailto:Miller.Johanna@epa.gov)> wrote:

Joyel - I have been working on data release issues today. Can I call you in 30 min or so with an update as I know it? I am on the bus right now. Johanna

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "OBrien, Wendy" <[OBrien.Wendy@epa.gov](mailto:OBrien.Wendy@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** August 10, 2015 at 5:40:16 PM MDT  
**To:** "Miller, Johanna" <[Miller.Johanna@epa.gov](mailto:Miller.Johanna@epa.gov)>, "Stavnes, Sandra" <[Stavnes.Sandra@epa.gov](mailto:Stavnes.Sandra@epa.gov)>  
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Fyi....

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**From:** Dhieux, Joyel  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 5:38 PM  
**To:** OBrien, Wendy  
**Subject:** Re: question from agricultural producers

Hi Wendy,

He's right we aren't paying for agricultural water. We are desperate for the data that County needs to open the Animas for irrigation. DESPERATE. I don't understand why it's taking so long but it is absolutely killing us down here.

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On Aug 10, 2015, at 5:28 PM, OBrien, Wendy <[OBrien.Wendy@epa.gov](mailto:OBrien.Wendy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Johanna said you might be able to help with this situation.

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**From:** OBrien, Wendy  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 3:16 PM  
**To:** Merritt, Steven; Graham, Richard; McKean, Deborah; Wall, Dan  
**Subject:** FW: question from agricultural producers

Is there any way we can help these folks? They are at risk of losing their crops.

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**From:** Darrin Parmenter [<mailto:Darrin.Parmenter@co.laplate.co.us>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 3:07 PM  
**To:** Graham, Richard  
**Cc:** OBrien, Wendy; Myers, Craig; Way, Steven  
**Subject:** RE: question from agricultural producers

Unfortunately the producer who is in need of water to irrigate vegetable crops started there, with that phone number, and got nowhere. She was told that trucked water was only available for human and livestock uses.

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**From:** Graham, Richard [<mailto:Graham.Richardv@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 2:49 PM  
**To:** Darrin Parmenter  
**Cc:** OBrien, Wendy; Myers, Craig; Way, Steven  
**Subject:** FW: question from agricultural producers

Darrin: Call (970) 385-8700 to express your need for water for the food producers.

Regards,

Environmental Unit Lead

**From:** OBrien, Wendy  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 2:17 PM  
**To:** Graham, Richard; McKean, Deborah; Wall, Dan  
**Subject:** question from agricultural producers

**From:** Darrin Parmenter [<mailto:Darrin.Parmenter@co.laplata.co.us>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 1:58 PM  
**To:** OBrien, Wendy  
**Subject:** RE: contact information

Wendy –

Do you happen to know if EPA is paying for off-site water to be brought in for food producers (fruits and vegetables) who typically draw water off the Animas? We have heard that they pay for water for human and livestock, but not food crops. If some of these folks don't get water on their crops soon – and their irrigation ditches are not running – then they will lose them.

Thanks.

Darrin

**From:** OBrien, Wendy [<mailto:OBrien.Wendy@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 4:25 PM  
**To:** [darrin.parmenter@colostate.edu](mailto:darrin.parmenter@colostate.edu)  
**Subject:** contact information

Hi Darrin,

Thanks for returning my call so quickly this afternoon. I'm glad we had a chance to talk as I now have a better understanding of the issues/concerns that you are dealing with. I'm working on digging up some of the screening values I mentioned for metal levels in agricultural uses of surface water, including irrigation and consumption by livestock.

Please feel free to contact me via email or phone with any questions or concerns. In case I'm not in the office, my cell phone number is 303 514 7562.

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